

# UC Non-Interactive, Proactive, Threshold ECDSA w/ Identifiable Aborts

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# Background (MPC)

## Secure Multiparty Computation

Distrustful parties compute correlated outputs on their (secret) inputs and **only** reveal what the outputs suggest.

### 😊 Powerful Feasibility Results

Yao'82, Goldreich-Micali-Wigderson'86,

Chaum-Crepeau-Damgard'88, Ben Or-Goldwasser-Wigderson'88

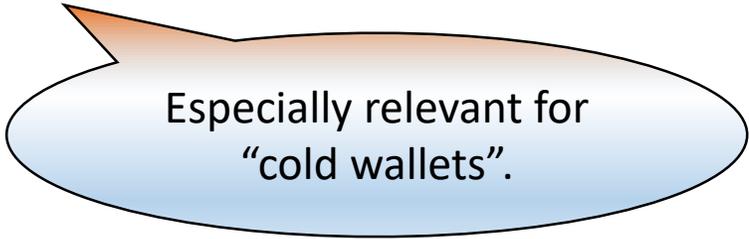
😊 Any traditional signature scheme can be “thresholdized”, *in principle*

😞 MPC theory is not a panacea

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Especially relevant for  
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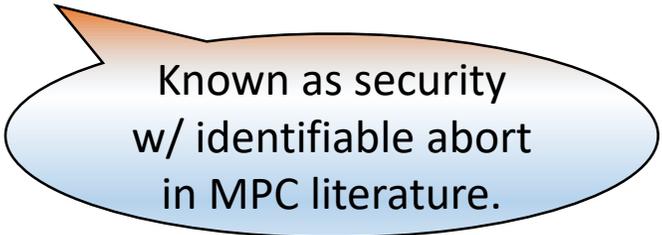
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Known as security w/ identifiable abort in MPC literature.

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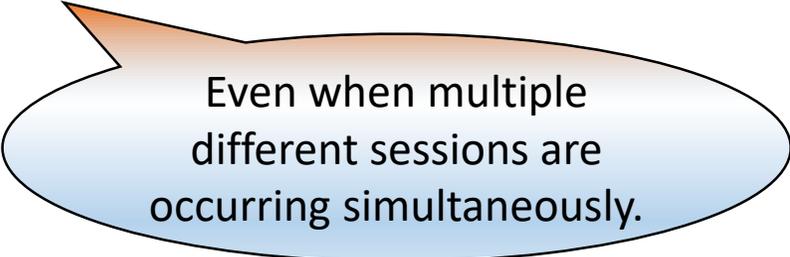
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We show how to achieve all of these properties in one protocol!

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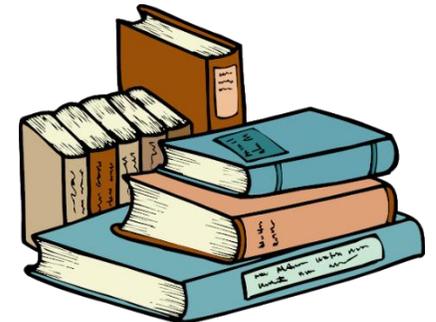
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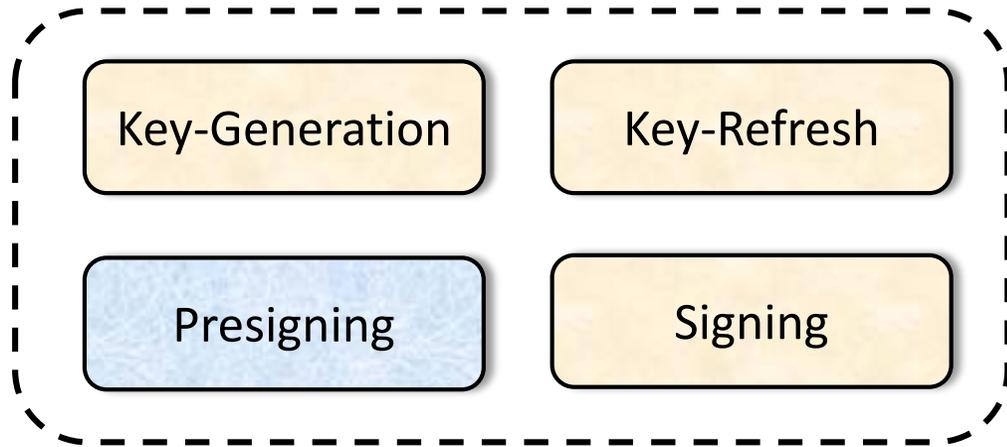
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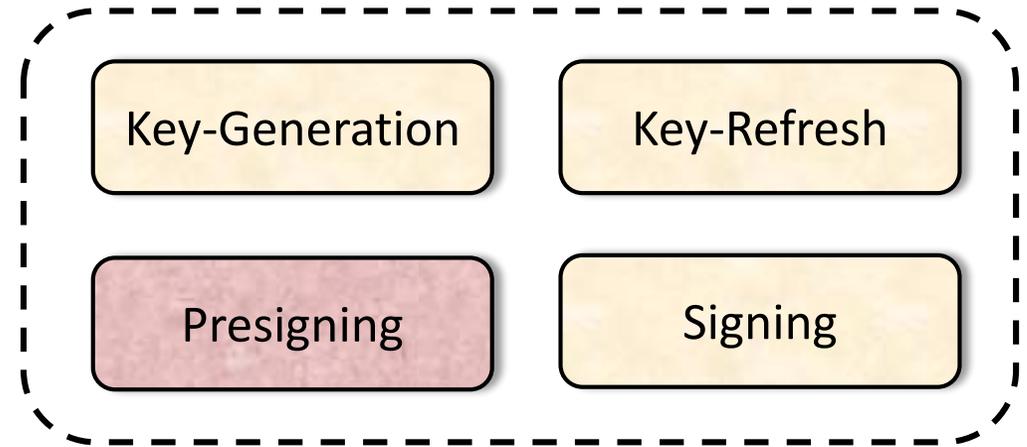
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## Communication Model:

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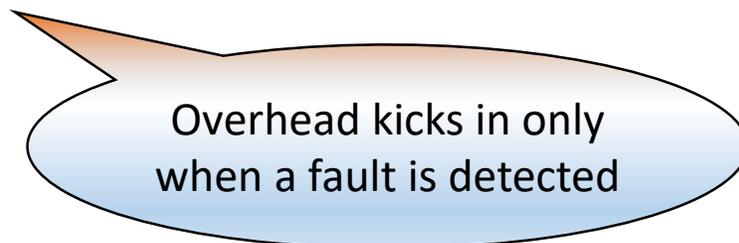
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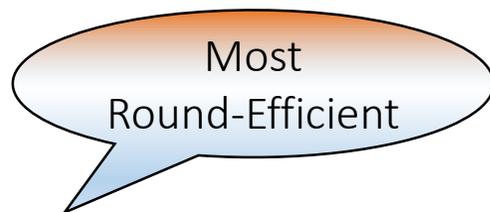
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Overhead kicks in only when a fault is detected

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# TECHNICAL OVERVIEW



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For  $T \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\pm T$  denote  $\{-T, \dots, 0, \dots, T\}$ .

## Non Standard Notation!!

Index disappearance denotes summation

e.g. if  $x_i, k_j, \delta_\ell \dots$  becomes  $x, k, \delta \dots$  it means  $\sum_i x_i, \sum_j k_j, \sum_\ell \delta_\ell \dots$

Also for double indices!

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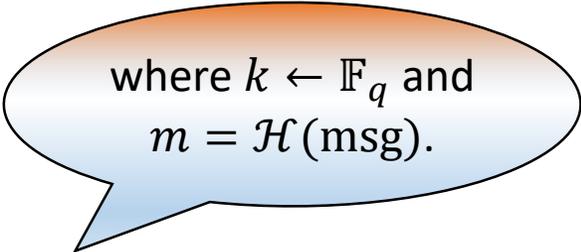
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(Gist of) MPC sign:

Sample shares  $k_1 \dots k_n$  of  $k$  and compute **shares** of  $k \cdot x$  **via pairwise multiplication** with  $x_1 \dots x_n$ .

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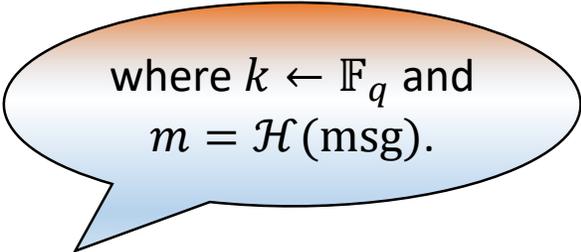
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- Paillier is additive homomorphic:

$$\text{enc}_N(m_1 + m_2) = \text{enc}_N(m_1) \cdot \text{enc}_N(m_2)$$

$$\text{enc}_N(\alpha \cdot m) = \text{enc}_N(m)^\alpha$$

# Preliminaries (Multiplication via Paillier)

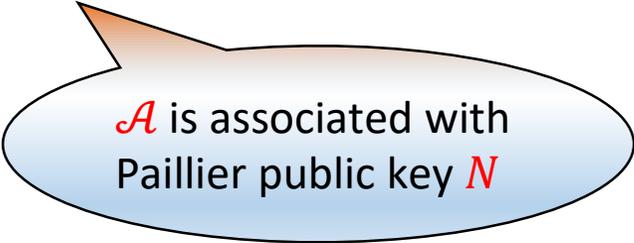
$\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  wish to compute  $(a, b) \mapsto (s_1, s_2)$  such that

$$s_1 + s_2 = a \cdot b$$

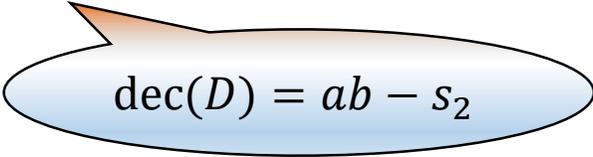
1.  $\mathcal{A}$  sends  $C = \text{enc}(a)$

2.  $\mathcal{B}$  samples  $s_2$  and replies with  $D = C^b \cdot \text{enc}(-s_2)$

**Output:**  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $s_1 = \text{dec}(D)$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  outputs  $s_2$ .



$\mathcal{A}$  is associated with Paillier public key  $N$


$$\text{dec}(D) = ab - s_2$$

# Protocol (Honest-But-Curious)

From  $\mathcal{P}_i$  perspective - Each  $\mathcal{P}_i$  holds secret key-share  $x_i$

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$$\gamma \cdot \delta^{-1} = k^{-1}$$

Write  $\chi_{i,j}$  and  $\delta_{i,j}$   
for  $\mathcal{P}_i$ 's output in each mult.  
NB  $\rightarrow \delta = k \cdot \gamma$  and  $\chi = k \cdot x$

Output  $(r, \sigma)$ .

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## **LadderLeak: Breaking ECDSA With Less Than One Bit Of Nonce Leakage**

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😊 **Solution:** Enforce a “range policy” on all secret data

i.e. values can only be chosen from some range  $\pm 2^\ell \ll N$

Also in Lindell-Nof'18 and  
Gennaro-Goldfeder'18

ZK-Proofs for  $\mathcal{R} = \{(N, C; x) \mid C = \text{enc}_N(x) \wedge x \in \pm 2^\ell\}$

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# Accountability



# Accountability

## Fault Attribution Process(es)



- 😊 If zk-proof fails, attribute fault to relevant party.
- 😞 Parties verify only parts of the transcript.
- 😞 Offline GMW-Style accountability is wasteful.

$O(n^2)$  comp/comm overhead for “GMW-style accountability”

# Accountability

## Fault Attribution Process(es)

If nonce  $R$  is malformed:

a) Open\* all the ciphertexts  $\{D'_{i,j}\}_{j \neq i}$ .

b) Verify which party sent the wrong  $\delta_j$ .

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## Fault Attribution Process(es)

If signature-string does not verify

☹️ Not possible to reveal the underlying plaintexts.

### 😊 Our Solution for Protocol 2

a) Reveal  $S_j = R^{k_j}$  and  $Y_j = R^{x_j}$  during presigning.

Check that they are well-formed\*\*.

b) Once  $m$  is known check  $R^{\sigma_i} = S_i^m \cdot Y_i^r$ .

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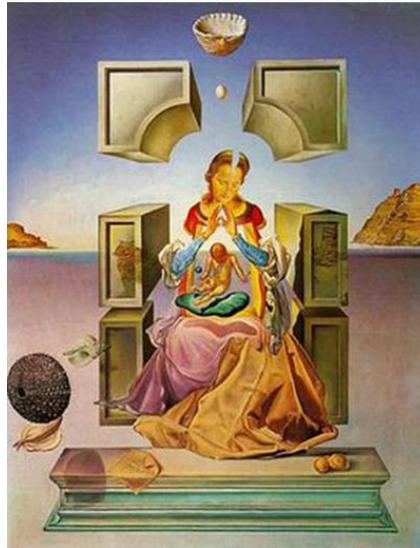
Includes long-term secrets

$x_1 \dots x_n$

Incurs a round-complexity penalty.

$O(n)$  comp/comm overhead!

# Security Analysis



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## Analysis in ROM

Previous works show security either via

1. Secure FE of ECDSA (in standalone or UC-framework)
2. Standalone reduction to unforgeability of ECDSA

### **THIS WORK (New)**

Our protocol(s) UC-realize an ideal threshold signature functionality.

1. *Authorized sets can generate valid signatures.*
2. *Unauthorized sets cannot generate valid signatures.*

Crux of the proof:

UC simulation is indistinguishable unless non-threshold ECDSA is forgeable.

Scheme is provably secure against **adaptive** adversary

# Conclusion

- We leverage Paillier Encryption as a commitment scheme
  - Reduces round-complexity and enables concurrent signings.
- We devise a special-purpose technique for fault attribution.
  - Reduces complexity penalty for accountability.
- Completely new approach for obtaining UC-security.
  - Security against adaptive adv. to gain full proactive security.

